



St Margaret Clitherow's Catholic Primary School

Spring Term 2022 Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome back!

Happy new year everyone. I hope you have had a restful and relaxing Christmas break and I hope 2022 is a healthy and happy one for all pupils, families and friends of SMC.

As we begin the Spring term, the children have come back to school focussed and ready to learn. This term is often a time when children make outstanding progress in their learning and I can't wait to see the children grow in confidence within all areas of the curriculum.

To support your child to progress as much as they possibly can, we simply ask that your child is in school on time each day.

Any additional support you can offer your child is enclosed within this newsletter. But, as always, please chat to us or give us a call if you have any questions or queries!

Year Group: Y2

Miss McCarthy

Literacy

- Use familiar and new punctuation correctly, including full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks and question marks.
- Form letters accurately by starting and finishing in the correct place.
- Learn to spell words correctly, by adding -ment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly
- Can write more interesting sentences by adding further detail.
- Plan what to write by saying my ideas out loud.
- To write stories based on Mr Wolf's Pancakes.
- To write instructions using accurate vocabulary based on Mr Wolf's Pancakes.
- Reading poetry to help write their own poems.



Maths

Addition/Subtraction

- Add and subtract 1-digit numbers to and from 2 digit numbers.
- Add and subtract two 2-digit numbers.
- Find and make number bonds to 100.
- Add 3 1-digit numbers.

Money

- Recognising coins and notes.
- Counting coins and notes.
- Making and comparing amounts of money using coins and notes.
- Solving word problems.
- Making and adding equal groups.
- Making simple arrays.
- Bar modelling - grouping.
- Dividing by 2, 5 and 10.

Shape

- Recognising 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.



RE

- Books - exploring books used within Church, how the Gospel is welcomed and the story of Jesus being baptised.
Books - Scripture - lectern - Gospel - Bible - New Testament - Old Testament - genre - thurible - missal - Church, - parish family
- Thanksgiving - exploring the Eucharist, the story of the Last Supper and how we give thanks.
thank you - thanksgiving - thoughtful - Eucharist, Eucharistic Prayer - liturgy
- Opportunity - exploring the opportunities that Lent brings, the importance of how Christians behave during Lent and the story of Easter.
Opportunities - Ash Wednesday - Lent - prayer - sharing - giving - Cross - crucifix - Easter candle - Easter - New Life - Sabbath

Retreat day -

Other faiths day - Judaism (14th March)

PE

Athletics
Net / Wall games

Computing

- Internet safety and responsible use of search engines
- Simple coding

PSHE - Relationships

- The difference between secrets and surprises.
- To be cooperative.
- That there are differences and similarities between people.
- That people's bodies and feelings can be hurt.
- How to resist teasing or bullying.

Science

'Everyday Materials'

- Identify a variety of everyday materials, such as wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard
- Compare the suitability of materials for particular uses.
- Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

History- Moon Landings

- To recall interesting facts about the Moon Landings of 1969
- To know about the people that travelled on the missions to the Moon.
- To know about the Apollo 11 Mission
- To recognise why we still remember the Apollo 11 Mission today.



Geography - Why is our island so special?

- Name, locate and identify characteristics of the 4 countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom.
- Name and locate the surrounding seas.
- Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom.



Art & Design Technology - George Seurat

- To develop a range of art techniques in using colour, pattern, line and shape.
- Create designs in the style of George Seurat - Pointillism



Parent's Information Page

Homework

It is absolutely vital that your child is practising their times tables, to support their Maths learning.

By the end of Year 2, children are expected to recall from memory 2, 5 and 10 times-table multiplication and division facts.

Therefore, their homework will be regular participation in Times Tables Rock Stars. If you are having issues with TT Rock Stars - please just let us know!

(www.ttrockstars.com or download the app)



Spellings are also essential and will be sent home on Monday to be learned every week, ready for a test each Friday.

Test:		write	write	write
1	New Words			
2	wildly			
3	mostly			
4	kindly			
5	poorly			
6	lovely			
7	evenly			
8	friendly			
9	surely			
10	lastly			
Score	hourly			

Spelling sheets do not need to be returned.

PE Days

Our PE days are a **Monday** and **Thursday**, so your child should come into school wearing their PE kit those days.

Please note our PE kit expectations:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain blue/black shorts/joggers
- Blue/black hoodie/sweatshirt
- Trainers

No branded sportswear are permitted.

Dates for your Diary:

Unfortunately due to the current situation we are unable to hold any prayer and liturgy or family enrichment sessions in school.

Friday 18th February - Break up for half term

Monday 28th February - Return to school

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd March - Parent Consultations

Thursday 3rd March- World Book Day

Friday 8th April - Break up for Easter

Monday 25th April - Return to school

Monday 25th April - Earth Day

Reading at Home

Even though schools teach children how to read, parents still have such an important role to play. Research shows that parents who get involved in their child's education make a big difference to how well their children do!

As you will know, we have invested a huge amount of school funds to buy our gorgeous, new Read, Write Inc. Book Bag Books. In school, children read a story per week. The story is exactly matched to their phonic level. To match each school storybook there is a black and white version of the story AND a related story book to read at home.

You may hear your child come home talking about 'dojos' or 'dojo points'.

This is our reading reward scheme in KS1.

Children in KS1 have their own avatar like the ones below.

Each day that they read at home, they will earn a 'Dojo Point'.



Certificates for each point milestone will be awarded at the end of every half term and certain stages include a prize (see below).

100 dojos – free book
90 dojos – bring a book and teddy celebration
75 dojos – certificate
50 dojos – certificate and Avatar bopper toy
30 dojos – certificate
25 dojos – certificate and bookmark
10 dojos – certificate
5 dojos - certificate

Optional Home Project

Linked with our Science topic 'Everyday Materials'

Why not improve your knowledge of the materials around you by completing one of the tasks below?

Material detective

Explore your house to see which objects you can find.
Can you sort these objects into the materials they are made from?
Write this down or take a photo of your sorted objects!



Recycled creations

Explore your recycling bin!
What amazing creation can you make used old bottles, paper and other bits of rubbish?
Think boats, rockets, robots or even your own recycling city!



Umbrella for Incy-Wincy

The idea is to create umbrellas made from different materials for Incy Wincy Spider. I wonder which materials are best to keep him dry? Take some photos of your umbrellas and write about what you find out!



If you need any resources to support this, please let me know! :)

If you do try one of the home projects, please bring your completed work to school on Monday 28th February. We can't wait to see and share your fantastic efforts.